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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

13 get Physical

Miss EIU, Mr. Fitness 2000 winners announced

By Branden Delk
Staff writer

More than two months of training and courage paid off for two Eastern seniors Saturday night as they beat out 11 others for the titles of Mr. EIU and Miss Fitness 2000.

Jason Heald, a senior consumer affairs major, and Emily Holliday, a senior administrative information systems major, won the competition based on qualities such as body symmetry, muscularity and definition.

"I feel great, a lot of hard work paid off," Holliday said. "My biceps are my pride and joy."

Holliday said she spent two and half months preparing for the event and owes a lot of her win to her fiancée.

"My fiancée convinced me to enter the competition, and I'm glad I did," she said. Heald was surprised by his win and new title of Mr. EIU 2000.

"I'm shocked, happy, and thrilled," he said.

Heald spent 12 weeks preparing for the event and believed his strongest areas were his legs and arms.

"Everybody looked awesome," he said. "It took a lot of courage for everyone to come and compete."

The competition was a celebration of bodybuilding and fitness for both men and women, said Mel Petrucci, a Student Wellness Association member and co-coordinator of the event.



Laura Strange / Staff photographer

(Top) Emily Holliday, a senior administrative information systems major receives her trophy for winning the first place in the Miss EIU 2000 contest Saturday night in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

(Above) Jason Heald, a senior consumer science major, holds his First place trophy above his head after he was named Mr. Fitness 2000.

The women's competition kicked off the event. The three contestants, Holliday; third place winner Liz Hoyner, a marketing

major; and second place winner Sandy Huessy, a dietetics major

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Freshman wins Miss Eastern Illinois contest

By Terri Manser
Staff writer

Eastern freshman Rachel Foster had a smile on her face every minute she was onstage. The smile even shown through tears as she was crowned this year's Miss Eastern Illinois.

Foster said she came into the pageant hoping to finish among the top three, but she couldn't believe she won. She also said she is honored to accept the title.

"Knowing they trust me is a wonderful thing," Foster said.

After the contest was over, about 30 of Foster's Kappa Delta sorority sisters circled around her and sang "Today," one of the sorority's songs. It was the support of her friends and family that inspired her throughout the competition, Foster said.

Foster was one of eight women who competed in the pageant sponsored by the Miss Eastern Illinois Scholarship Association and the Delta Chi fraternity. Before receiving the crown and the title of Miss Eastern Illinois 2000, Foster, as well as the other women, had to compete for the \$1,000 scholarship in three different areas: the swimsuit, evening wear and talent competitions as well as a personal interview with the judges before the pageant.

Foster's favorite part of the competition was her performance of a cane and top hat jazz routine that she choreographed.

Foster's personal question related to her platform, which is "Sexual Assault Awareness and Education." Because Foster plans to become a criminal psychologist for the FBI, she was asked how she plans to deal with the sexual discrimination that come with the territory.

"It doesn't matter what sex I am; I'm going to do it!" Foster said.

As winner of Miss Eastern Illinois, Foster will compete at the state pageant for the title of Miss Illinois in June.

Foster (from Eastern), Liz Halbert (from Eastern), Melinda Hickox (from Eastern), Tiffany Matthis (from Parkland College), Jill Schroeder (from Eastern), Lisa Shumard (from Eastern), Nicole Smith (from Eastern) and Sarah VanNattan (from Eastern) were the eight contestants in Saturday night's pageant.

The first runner-up and winner of a \$200 scholarship was Sarah VanNattan, whose platform is "Depression - Dispelling the Myths." VanNattan played the piccolo for the talent portion of

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Rachel Foster
Miss Eastern Illinois

School shooting leads freshman to fight back

Cicero native selected to National Campaign Against Youth Violence committee

By Branden Delk
Staff writer

For Sherri Abufakuseh, talk of eighth grade does not bring back fond memories. Instead, the freshman undecided major vividly remembers holding her best friend in her arms, bleeding to death from a gunshot wound - a shooting that took place at her school.

That's when she decided to fight back.

"My ambition in life is to help to educate and give hope to those who feel hopeless," the Cicero native said.

Abufakuseh has recently been appointed a member of the National Campaign Against Youth Violence

and will serve as co-chair of the campaign's National Youth Action Council, a board created by President Bill Clinton. Abufakuseh, 18, will represent Illinois on the council consisting of 18 youth from across the country, and serve a two to three-year term. She will serve on the board with President Clinton.

"It hurts me to see people hurt and see a heart filled with pain," she said. "It hurts me to see a tear run down a child's sweet face."

Abufakuseh believes her ambition to help others is what keeps her going. She said ambition keeps her "motivated and strong, physically and mentally."

"This is the first time youth have a say on youth violence; it concerns



all of us," Abufakuseh said. "We will be speaking on behalf of the youth across the nation."

Abufakuseh was appointed to the council after being recommended by members of several anti-violence organizations she has worked with. Recommendations went to Peace Games, an anti-violence organization in Boston, who were in charge of gathering youth that would give the best representation and were very active in their communities.

Abufakuseh has been involved

in many anti-violence and youth groups over the years in Cicero and Chicago. Over the past four years she has been active in such programs as Peer Mediation, Youth Peace, Sisternet, Cicero Police Explorers, the National Network for Violence Prevention Practitioners and her current position as Chairman of the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority Youth Advisory Board.

The main purpose of the National Campaign Against Youth Violence is to increase youth involvement in violence prevention programs in America. Other members of the campaign include the television networks NBC, CBS and the Discovery channel; talk-show host Oprah Winfrey; Senator Bob



Sherri Abufakuseh

Dole; and the chief executive officers of America Online and Time Warner, among others.

Abufakuseh, the 17 other council members, and members of the other boards of the National Campaign Against Youth Violence will meet at many different locations and times across the country. In February, the group held its first meeting in San Francisco, where Abufakuseh met her fellow youth council members and other members of the campaign.

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Poshard helps bring history alive

Eastern's Symphony Orchestra hosts politician at weekend concert

By Shauna Gustafson
Staff editor

Special guest Glenn Poshard narrated for the "Lincoln Portrait" portion of the Eastern Symphony Orchestra concert Sunday.

Poshard narrated to Aaron Copland's "Lincoln Portrait," as the orchestra provided a musical backdrop.

Poshard served as a State Senator from District 59 from 1984 to 1988, and served as a member of the U.S. Congress for 10 years following. He

also made an unsuccessful run for Illinois governor as the Democratic candidate in 1998.

The concert, titled "Copland," also included several pieces with the orchestra accompanied by the University Chorale.

Poshard's narration provided a nice connection between music, spoken word and visuals, through a video slide presentation of Abraham Lincoln pictures provided by the Lincoln Log Cabin. The narration tied the piece together in a way the music alone otherwise may not have.

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This piece was written with Lincoln in mind, and including audio and video clips of his life helped make the connection a stronger one.

Poshard did an excellent job of narration, putting his public speaking skills to good use. Preceding Poshard's narration, former Eastern

professor and Lincoln presenter B. F. McClerren, dressed as Lincoln, recited the Gettysburg Address. At first this did not seem to be relevant, but, upon reflection, was a good transition into the "Lincoln Portrait" piece.

The choir and orchestra both did an excellent job in the first part of the program performing several different Copland pieces including "Fanfare for the Common Man," "Old American Songs" and "Outdoor Overture." The two ensembles together were extremely good, and should perform together more often.

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the competition.

"It's been a hectic night, but it's been fun," said VanNattan, who had to leave her 7 p.m. orchestra rehearsal early to make it to the competition on time.

Melinda Hickox was the second runner-up and received a \$100 scholarship. Hickox, whose platform is child advocacy, performed a piano solo for her talent.

Nicole Smith, whose platform is "Encouraging Literature," was the winner of the People's Choice Award. This award was a \$100 scholarship to the contestant that received the most donations from the audience.

Smith said encouraging literature people can relate to is a good way to get more people interested in reading. Smith also performed an excerpt from the River Dance as her talent.

Tiffany Matthis, of Parkland College, was the only non-Eastern student in the competition this year. Her platform is "Teenage Drinking and Driving."

Matthis said a fine and the loss of driving privileges until the age of 21 is an adequate consequence for



Eric Wolters / Staff photographer

Rachel Foster, a freshman psychology student, competes in the evening gown portion of the Miss Eastern Illinois Pageant Saturday night in the Doudna Fine Art Theater. The evening gown portion counts for 15 percent of the total score.

teenagers caught drinking and driving.

Jill Schroeder, whose platform is "Parental Involvement," sang "To Love You More" by Celine Dion for her talent.

Shroeder, a member of Eastern's Pink Panthers, said she decided to sing as her talent rather than dance because she has spent the whole year dancing.

Liz Halbert, winner of last year's

Miss Black E.I.U. competition, performed a dramatic monologue based on a poem entitled "Why Did You Make Me This Way?" for the talent competition. The poem directly related to her platform, "Race Relations," since it was about overcoming the idea that being born black is a disadvantage.

Lisa Shumard, whose platform is "Children from Divorced Families," performed a tap dance routine.

Fight back

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The meeting featured a teleconference where Abufakuseh was able to speak to the President and other campaign members over the phone.

"(President Clinton) said he was glad youth are more involved and have more input and say on the issue of violence prevention," Abufakuseh said.

Abufakuseh said the best part of the conference was being able to bond with the other 17 members.

"Things have been very successful at this point; we are a diverse

group who have many ideas we are trying to enact as soon as possible," she said.

One of these ideas is a resolution the council made to the House of Representatives to declare April 14 to 20 National Peace Week. The resolution is one item Abufakuseh is sure will be on the campaign board's agenda when she, her fellow youth council members and several other campaign members will meet at the White House sometime in April. During the White House conference, Abufakuseh will meet the President and have the chance to voice her and the council's ideas and concerns.

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity to represent youth across the country and use my experiences and knowledge to help reach lives that may never have had the chance to live peacefully," Abufakuseh said.

A main goal Abufakuseh has set for herself is to make a difference in people's lives. She would like to utilize the opportunities the youth council offers to make those differences possible.

"I truly hope to teach people how to take the negative things that happen in life that can destroy your heart and find the passion, ambition, and motivation to make them want to help others," she said.

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"Flip flops are the summer slippers. They are inexpensive and comfy; why not wear them?"
Students flipping in tune to the warm weather

By Elizabeth O'Riley
Features editor

The unusually warm temperatures this winter have forced students to put their boots away and bring out their sandals and the number of students wearing sandals on campus has been especially high these last two weeks.

"There are a lot of sandals being worn already, and it's still officially winter," said Bill Zahalka, a freshman physical education major.

Zahalka, who purchased his flip flops at a sporting goods store for only \$5, says he likes how comfortable they are.

"My feet get to air out and feel free," Zahalka said.

Although the "flip-flop," "flip-flop" noise these shoes make can be annoying, Zahalka said he finds it rather rhythmic. Because the durability of flip flops is not very reliable he would prefer to go with the more expensive sandal.

"I've gone through way to many pairs of flimsy flip flops," Zahalka said.

Greg Munch, a junior accounting major, said he thought it was weird that another student in his economics class was wearing sandals so early in the year.

Munch, who is not a fan of flip flops, said he has a pair, but they are strictly for wearing around the house.

Munch also said he hates when girls wear sandals with heels. He said they look awkward because



Adriene Weller / Staff photographer

Seven Eastern students show off their naked toes while wearing sandals during last week's heat wave. Sandals, which can be purchased from anywhere, including grocery stores, shoe stores, and even truck stops, are being purchased in large quantities.

sandals are not meant to be stylish.

Munch said it is weird when sandals are on sale at Osco or Walgreens.

"I'd rather buy them from a clothing store, not a grocery store," Munch said.

Bill Moore, one of the owners of the family-run Mack Moore Shoes, 305 W. Lincoln Ave., said a lot of people are always buying sandals all year round, but there are a lot more sales in the spring and summer.

He said that when warm weather

hits the number of people coming in to buy sandals increases.

If students are looking for durable name brand sandals and not any of the 'flimsy flip flops,' Moore said his store carries name brands like Birkenstock, Columbia and Doc

Marten sandals. Even though this shoe store does not carry the inexpensive sandals some are looking for, Wal-Mart, 510 W. Lincoln Ave., has put in an order for more sandals, said Lori Browning, a department manager at Wal-Mart.

She said there has been an enormous increase in sandals being purchased because of the warm weather and spring break coming up. People have even bought the flip flops off of the seasonal wall, which is full of sale items, she said.

Browning said the platform and slip on leather sandals seem to be the big sellers this season.

Elizabeth Mooney, a junior psychology major, said she likes sandals because they are cool and easy.

She likes flip flops, but not the ones with the tong that goes in between the toes.

Students also can find sandals for sale in some unexpected places.

Mooney said she once saw sandals on sale at a truck stop, and Zahalka said he sees them on sale at gas stations all the time.

Because of the convenient low price and the various places they are sold, flip flops could be making a come back.

Name brand stores such as The Gap and Old Navy now sell flip flops and Munch said he purchased his sandals from a Tommy Hilfiger store.

"Flip flops are the summer slippers," Zahalka said. "They are inexpensive and comfy, why not wear them?"

Charleston night life focus of meeting tonight

By Kelly Rush
Student government editor

The external relations committee will meet tonight to discuss improving Charleston's night life.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in Lumpkin Hall Room 105.

Katie Cox, chair of the committee, and Mayor Dan Cougill will give reports on their ongoing efforts to bring a coffeehouse and a Denny's to campus, and putting pay phones outside the local bars.

In new business, the committee will discuss the results of their survey which was distributed during Student Government-sponsored

"Speak Your Mind Week."

The surveys asked questions such as where students went on weekends and what they did for fun, also how much they spent and what they liked and disliked about the night life in Charleston, Cox said.

Members also will discuss a draft of a city ordinance concerning the mandatory inspection

of rental housing properties in Charleston.

The committee also will consider a proposal by Cox to sponsor a community/university event, which would be called Campus and Residents Together, C.A.R.T. The event could be anything from a fund raiser to a parade featuring paired up teams of students and Charleston residents working together.

PARTY SMART!

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

Safe Spring Break Campaign
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March 3rd-9th

March 2nd-9th:

- *Informational Table* sponsored by Health Education Resource Center/Health Services from 10am-4pm in the Union Walkway

March 2nd:

- *Mark Sterner "DUI: A Powerful Lesson"* sponsored by University Board, Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council, Health Education Resource Center/Health Services at 7pm in Buzzard Auditorium

March 6th:

- *The Seat Belt Convincer* sponsored by the Office of Safety Programs & Health Education Resource Center at 5pm-7pm near the Lawson Hall overhang. The Seat Belt Convincer will allow someone to experience the force of a 5-7 MPH crash safety.
- *"Loveline"* presented by Eta Sigma Gamma at 7pm in the Stevenson Hall lounge
- *"Safer Sex"* presented by PEACE at 8pm on the 7th floor of Andrews Hall

March 8th:

- *Win, Lose, or Safe Spring Break* presented by BACCHUS at 6:30pm in the Andrews Hall & Thomas Hall basement
- *Self-Defense workshop* presented by Sparling's Taekwondo USA at 7:30pm in Lawson Hall lobby

March 9th:

- *Travel Safety* presented by Arrow Travel at 6pm in Lincoln Hall
- *"Sun, Sex, & Alcohol"* presented by Dollie Kilgore, Women's Health Nurse from Health Services at 8pm in Carman Hall lounge

Any questions please call Susan at x7786
The Safe Spring Break Campaign is sponsored by the Health Education Resource Center/Health Services

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Keeping it fair

Despite some controversy, it is inevitable the new economics capstone course that uses standardized testing as a method of assessment will be implemented.

The Council on Academic Affairs approved the course Thursday, and the course is intended to review students' knowledge of economics ideas. The standardized test portion of the course will count as a percentage of each students' final grade for the course. Although the percentage will not equal more than 30 percent, it is unfair for a standardized test to have a large impact students' grades. The percentage is supposed to be negotiated, but it needs to be negotiated to a low percent-

Standardized testing

The standardized tests for the new economics capstone course should count only as a small part of students' grades.

age. If that standardized test is going to count as part of a student's grade, then it needs to count only as a small part.

The purpose of assigning a grade to the test is to ensure students take the test seriously, said Larry Bates, associate professor of economics. Just because there is a chance a few students may choose not to take the test seriously, other economics students are being forced to suffer. Not all students are good test takers. Therefore, to allow a standardized test to count as a portion of a student's grade is not a wise decision.

When it comes to the issue of bias, Bates assured the CAA that the economics department cannot use any questions it thinks are unfair. But how can the department be sure the questions it uses are fair? By what standard will these questions be measured?

Students have enough to worry about when taking a course, and they should not have to fear the outcome of standardized tests. Standardized tests are generally intimidating enough without knowing they could affect a course grade. The portion of the grade the standardized tests will count as needs to be as small as possible. There are plenty of other ways besides standardized testing that allow students to show how much they've learned, such as projects and papers. The bigger picture needs to be considered when determining a student's grade.

■ The editorial is the opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

Today's quote

The test of a first-rate intelligence is the ability to hold two opposed ideas in the mind at the same time, and still retain the ability to function.

Francis Scott Fitzgerald
American writer, 1896-1940

New law may reduce infant deaths

On Friday, the Georgia House of Representatives voted to make it legal for women to leave their unwanted newborns at hospitals rather than abandon them.

Sponsors of the bill, which was approved 153-15, said the bill would save infants who would be left to die otherwise, according to an article by *The Associated Press*.

Basically what this means is that parents who leave their newborns at hospitals would not be prosecuted for abandonment or child cruelty if they leave their babies with a hospital staff member and they are less than one week old, according to *The Associated Press* article.

Although this might sound like a bill that encourages women to leave their children and free themselves from responsibility, it seems better than the alternative that some of these babies would face if this option was not available.

Every now and then, there is a story in the news about how a dead baby was found in a garbage can or bathroom stall, left to die right after he or she was born.

A few years ago, there were two big stories in the news about a girl who delivered her baby at her high school prom and left the infant to die in the bathroom. There also was the story of two college students who wrapped their newborn in a garbage bag and threw him in the dumpster behind the motel he was delivered at shortly after his birth.

I think what these people did is terrible, and I could never understand why it was done. However, if they were able to drop off their children someplace knowing they would not be prosecuted for it and the babies would be taken care of, maybe those babies' lives would have been spared.



Laura Irvine
Managing editor

"By allowing mothers to leave their children at hospitals, the deaths of many of these babies can be avoided."

In some cases when babies are abandoned, it is probably because the mother was scared and did not know what to do. By allowing mothers to leave their children at hospitals, the deaths of many of these babies can be avoided.

According to *The Associated Press* article, one of the representatives in Georgia said "we live in a throwaway society. We eat off paper plates and throw

them away ... and now, in this year 2000, we are incredibly talking about throwaway babies."

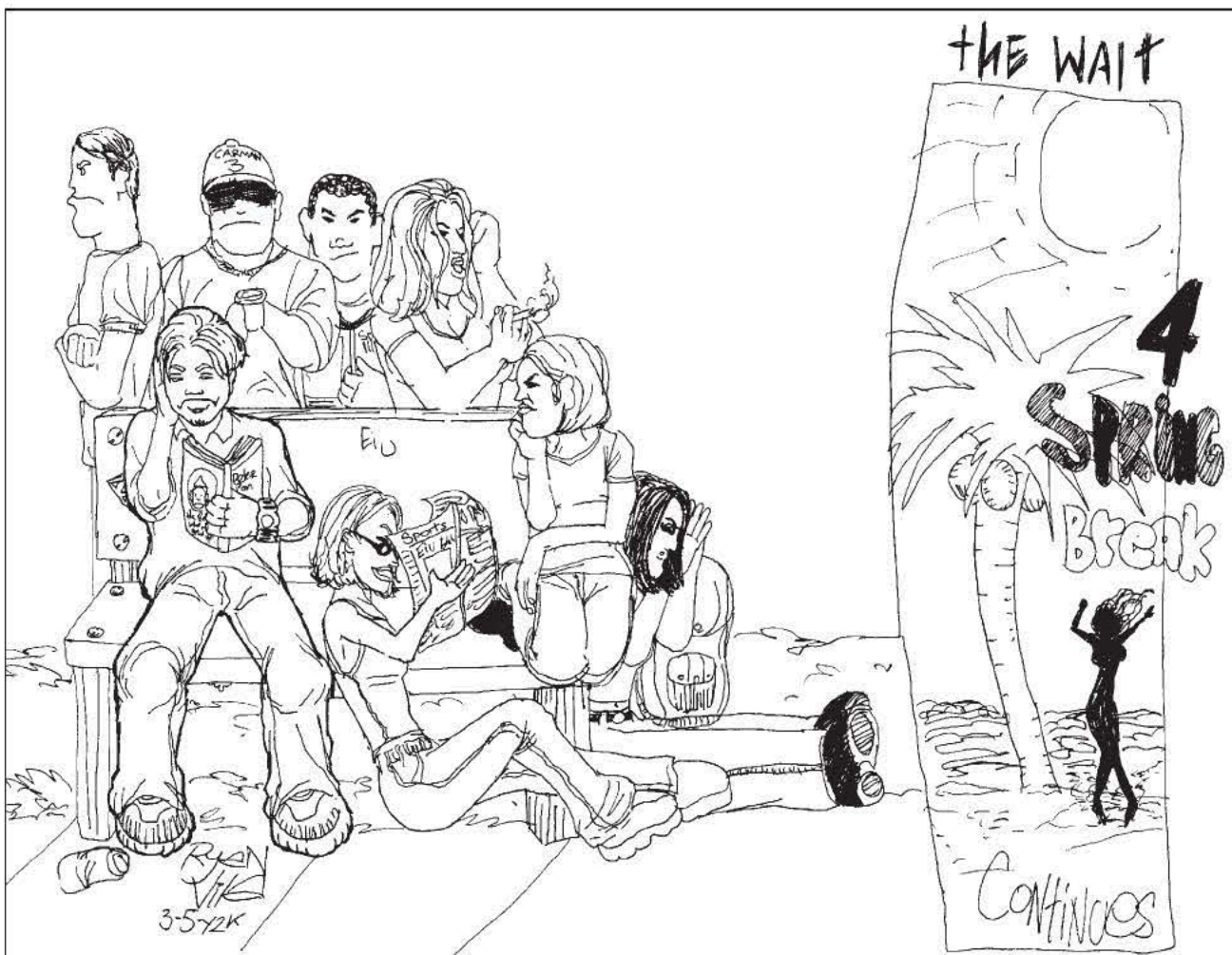
I realize some people might think it is cruel to allow women to shun their responsibilities as mothers and leave their children at hospitals if they don't want them. But if the alternative for the babies is being left to die without any food, water or shelter, I think leaving them in the care of a hospital is acceptable.

Also, many times if women do not want their children, they give them up for adoption or have an abortion.

Although abortion is a different issue, leaving children at a hospital is, in a sense, giving them up for adoption. It might not be as traditional as going through the procedure of giving birth and handing the child over to a family who wants it, but in the end, the baby will get a home if it's left at a hospital and put up for adoption or if the mother is actively involved in it.

Leaving a child in the care of someone else by leaving it at the door of a hospital sounds cruel at first, but thinking of the child and the fate he or she would have if he or she was left somewhere else is something to consider.

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Homosexuals deserve same rights as others

Homosexuals are probably the last class of Americans still denied their fundamental human rights. In Illinois, our state constitution protects all citizens from discrimination based upon their race, gender, ethnicity and religion. In other words, no one can be denied housing, employment or public entitlements because of the prejudices held by those who wield political or economic power in our society. One of the greatest accomplishments of the Civil Rights Movement is that we, as an American people, now uphold the notion that people should be judged by their qualifications and not by arbitrary categories that really have nothing to do with an individual's abilities.

The Illinois Legislature is currently considering extending the same protections given to other historically persecuted minorities to homosexuals. I hope that they do. In most Illinois

Your turn

Letters to the editor

counties, if a business owner wants to categorically exclude all homosexuals from being hired or served at his or her establishments, there is nothing in our laws to stop them — no on the record statement that such conduct violates our most basic principles of fairness and respect.

This is a civil rights issue no less important than the noble cause for which Martin Luther King Jr. gave his very life. The last time this bill was before the Legislature, it was rejected without explanation. I hope that this time our elected representatives will remember King and his uncompromising belief in the basic equality of all individuals. If one class of people is denied access to the means of economic self-empowerment, then the freedoms the rest of us take for granted

become endangered as well. Just because homosexuals are America's least popular minority group does not give us the right to deny them their rightful piece of the American pie.

Mark Davenport
senior English major

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Depending on space constraints, we may have to edit your letter, so keep it as concise as possible.

Students can vote absentee

Deadline March 16

By Julius Sexton
City editor

The deadline for voting by absentee ballot in the primary election is March 16, and ballots must be requested before that date.

To request an absentee ballot, an application must be turned in to the Coles County Clerk's office located in Room 122, at the Coles County Courthouse, 651 Jackson Ave.

The primary elections for Illinois will be held March 21, and students are encouraged to vote either in their hometown, or by absentee, said Betty Coffrin, Coles County Clerk.

On the Republican ballot, voters can vote for one presidential candidate, one congressional representative candidate, four delegates to the National Nominating Convention, four alternate delegates to the National Nominating Convention, one general assembly representative, one Coles County circuit clerk candidate, one Coles County coroner, one Coles County state's attorney,

one Coles County board candidate and one precinct committeeman.

On the Democratic ballot, voters will vote for one presidential candidate, one congressional representative candidate, seven delegates to the National Nominating Convention, one alternate delegate to the National Nominating Convention, one representative to the general assembly, one Coles County circuit clerk candidate, one Coles County coroner, one Coles County state's attorney, one Coles County board candidate and one precinct committeeman.

She also said registration for voting was down this year, but students still may choose to vote in their individual districts.

"We haven't had a very big registration drive this year ... hopefully students will vote in their hometown districts," she said.

She said students who are already registered in their districts who wish to apply for an absentee ballot, need to contract their individual districts where they are registered.

Coffrin said the candidates have

At glance

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651 Jackson Ave.

Deadline March 16

their own registration process before they can be on the ballot.

"They circulated a petition among voters and had to receive a certain amount of signatures before filing (to be on the ballot) between December 13-20," she said.

For further information, contact the County Clerk's office at (217) 348-0501.

Resolution to extend lab hours stems from Speak Your Mind survey results

By Christine Demma
Staff writer

The Student Senate passed a resolution Wednesday night to extend the hours of the Gregg Triad 24-hour computer lab by 10 1/2 hours on the weekends.

Currently, the Gregg Triad 24-hour computer lab is open until 4:45 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. The resolutions states that the lab should be open until 10 p.m. on these two days.

Katie Cox, senate member, and Jeremy Ruppel, senate speaker, both submitted the resolution in response to the "Speak Your Mind" survey results, Cox said.

According to the survey, students felt that the Gregg

Triad 24-hour computer lab should be open later on Friday and Saturday, Cox said.

Bill Whitsman, director of information technology systems, and John Henderson, director of users services, gave a presentation at the senate meeting Wednesday night discussing the possibility of adding hours to the time the lab is open, Whitsman said.

"Senate members seemed to feel 10 and a half or 11 hours was a reasonable amount. We felt if the lab went to seven days a week and 24 hours a day, we would need an additional staff member because of the extension of hours," Whitsman said.

Hiring an additional staff member would have required an increase in student fees, Whitsman said.

Senate to discuss textbook rental service

Members to debate the use of purchase and resale system

By John Curtis
Staff writer

The Faculty Senate Tuesday will continue discussion of Textbook Rental and the possibility of a purchase and resale system.

The meeting will be held at 2 p.m. in 2504 Buzzard Hall.

At last week's meeting, the senate approved a motion that proposes a task force be compiled to work on a possible purchase and resale system for textbooks.

The motion, proposed by senate

member John Allison, states "that a task force be formed by the President (Carol Surles) and Provost (Teshome Abebe) to explore the feasibility of a textbook purchase/resale arrangement for courses whose titles or descriptions include such language, but not limited to terms such as 'graduate, seminar, special topics and studies in.'"

The senate also will hear a power point presentation, "Promoting Eastern," by Jill Nilsen, acting vice president for external relations.

The presentation will focus on what is being done to "promote Eastern to prospective students, legislators, alumni and friends of the university," Nilsen said.

"The hope is, after the presentation, we will have a discussion on the role each and every member of the university can play," Nilsen said.

Bonnie Irwin, Faculty Senate chair, said the senate also will look at election procedures, particularly practices vs. policies, for the upcoming faculty elections, on March 22-23.

daily briefing

Drug use at some prisons higher among guards

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — Guards were more likely than inmates to test positive for drugs at three of the state's four maximum-security prisons last year, Department of Corrections figures show.

The percentage of guards with positive drug tests exceeded that of inmates at the Joliet, Menard and Pontiac correctional centers. The records show similar results at one-third of the state's 27 major prisons.

The greatest disparity was at Taylorville Correctional Center, a minimum-security facility. There, three guards out of 72 — or 4.2 percent — tested positive, while four out of 891 inmates — or just 0.4 percent — showed signs of drugs.

Overall, however, inmates were more likely to test positive than the guards. Only 2.5 percent of the Corrections Department employees — about 88 out of 3,500 — picked for random testing showed signs of drug use in the fiscal year that ended in June, while 3.6 percent of the inmates did. More than 30,000 inmates were tested — nearly three-quarters of the prison population.

Drifter confesses to killing 13

AUSTIN (AP) — From a jail cell in South Texas, Tommy Lynn Sells has now confessed to killing 13 people in seven states with guns, knives, a bat, a shovel, an ice pick and his bare hands.

"My God, the guy is a killing machine," said Tom Vinger, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety on Friday, as he examined his notes of Sell's criminal history.

Sells, 35, is in the Val Verde County Jail where he is charged with capital murder and attempted murder for slashing the throats of Kaylene Harris, 13, and Krystal Surles, 10, on Dec. 31 in Del Rio. Del Rio is on the Texas-Mexico border, about 150 miles west of San Antonio.

17-year-old hacker denies involvement in Internet assault

WOLFEBORO, N.H. (AP) — A 17-year-old boy questioned by FBI agents about last month's crippling Internet assault acknowledged Friday he has done some "small hacking" but said he was only joking when he claimed responsibility for the attacks.

Authorities said they are likely to file charges against Dennis F. Moran, a high school dropout with no job, but need to investigate further.

"People who live in the year 2000, even if they're young, have the same obligations we've always had: You don't hurt your neighbor, you don't hurt your friends, you don't hurt your government," state Attorney General Philip McLaughlin said.

Unlawfully accessing or illegally disrupting computer operations — the state law most likely to apply — is punishable by up to 15 years in prison and a \$4,000 fine, McLaughlin said. In computer crime cases involving juveniles, federal prosecutors usually defer to state prosecutors and only bring federal charges if the state declines to do so.

Rally demands federal lawsuit against NYPD

WASHINGTON (AP) — Several dozen people protested Saturday in front of the Justice Department to demand a filing of a federal lawsuit against the New York Police Department because of the Amadou Diallo shooting.

Lawyers for the four New York City policemen acquitted in the fatal shooting of the unarmed African plan to meet with Attorney General Janet Reno's top deputy Monday and urge him not to pursue civil rights charges.

The main speaker at Saturday's rally said charges should be made not against the four men but the police department and New York City itself.

"What happened to Amadou Diallo, what has happened to others ... is a pattern of abuse within the New York Police Department that has been going on for many years," Mauri Saalakhian, of the human rights group Peace and Justice Foundation, told a noon rally of about 50 people.

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All buses return to the
University Union Sunday
Mar. 19th at 8:50pm.

Series of events kick off Foreign Language Week

By Dar'Keith Lofton
Staff writer

Throughout the week, students will be introduced to a taste of fun and education in foreign cultures.

Monday marks the beginning of National Foreign Language Week. Activities, sponsored by the Foreign Language department, will be a part of the week, which celebrates the study of foreign languages in the United States, said Stephen Canfield, chair of the foreign language department.

"This is the first time that Eastern has celebrated Foreign Language Week," Canfield said. "We hope to make it an annual event and show students that are not involved with the department how great the (foreign language) program is."

The week's activities will begin at 6:30 p.m. tonight with a small course on German letters and followed by a German film with English subtitles titled "Nasty Girls" at 7 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, students will learn about how Mardi Gras is celebrated in various countries. A French film, "The Visitors," also will be shown at 7 p.m.

From 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Wednesday, there will be judging for a pinata contest.

"Students who compete in the pinata contest receive extra credit in their foreign language classes, and there are also prizes such as gift certificates given out," Canfield said.

Foreign Language Week will come to a close Thursday with pinata smashing in the South Quad at 8 a.m., 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. The Language Bowl will be held at 6:30 p.m. and a Spanish film, "Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown" will follow at 7 p.m.

"The Language Bowl is a little similar to the College Bowl," Canfield said. "Students from Eastern's three major language departments (Spanish, German and French) will compete against each other in a game that will test their knowledge of culture, politics and of course, language."

The week's activities are not only for foreign language students, he said.

"Students that are not involved in the (Foreign Language) programs should check out Foreign Language Week," Canfield said. "They will be able

At glance

Activities for Foreign Language Week

All Activities will begin in the language lab of Coleman Hall Room 104A

Monday

6:30 p.m. - The ABC's of German - bingo game

7 p.m. - German movie - "The Nasty Girl" (in German with English subtitles)

Tuesday

12:30 p.m. - French table - meets every week from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the Rathskeller Restaurant of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

6:30 p.m. - Mardi Gras around the world

7 p.m. - French movie - "The Visitors" (in French with English subtitles)

Wednesday

9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Pinata judging

5:30 p.m. - Open house

6 p.m. - Music videos

Thursday

8, 9, and 10 a.m. - Selected pinata smashing in the South Quad

6:30 p.m. Foreign language bowl

7 p.m. - Spanish movie - "Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown" (in Spanish with English subtitles)

to not only learn about new cultures, but also have fun and be introduced to something that they may have never experienced before."

The events of Foreign Language Week will take place in various classrooms in the basement of Coleman Hall, Canfield said.

Non-credit courses offered to students

By Dar'Keith Lofton
Staff writer

Students looking for new and educational experiences on campus may get their chance through the School of Adult and Continuing Education, which is offering non-credit courses for students and members of the community.

"The courses will range in a wide variety of topics," said Jill Hayden, program coordinator for the Center for Continuing Professional Development (CCPD).

According to Hayden, the courses will include such topics as yoga, literature, water safety and a beginning computer classes. A total of 18 courses are being offered.

"We wanted to offer classes to the community, because they're some people that want to become involved in different hobbies out-

side of school or work," Hayden said.

The classes, which range from one to two hours long, will be taught at various halls on campus. The teachers will include mostly faculty as well as outside professionals.

"There aren't a lot of people involved in the courses as of yet," Hayden said. "We are hoping to grow each semester. Some students may become discouraged because the courses do not offer any credit. The courses' main purpose is to allow students and community to expand their hobbies and to have fun."

The courses will range from \$30-\$110, which will include necessary materials required for the course. For further information or to pick up a brochure call Jill Hayden at 581-5116 or visit room 212 in Blair Hall.

Self-defense class offered at Carman

By Michelle Jones
Activities editor

Self-defense is important for women to know because it teaches them how to protect themselves, said Jana Hagglund, resident assistant at Carman Hall.

Carman Hall, in conjunction with Women's History and Awareness Month, is sponsoring a self-defense program at 9 p.m. in the lobby of Carman Hall.

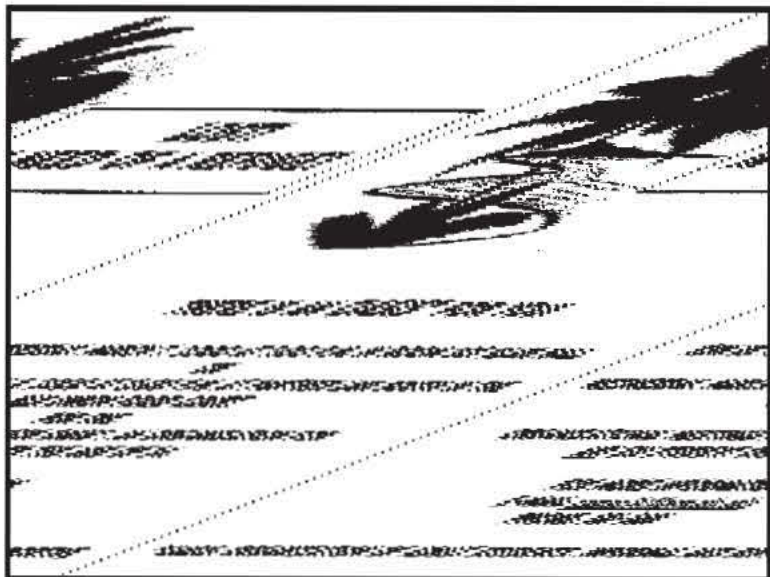
Hagglund found the timing of spring break to be an appropriate time to hold such a program.

Although students see spring break as a fun time, they don't often realize that some people are looking to ruin their good time, Hagglund said.

"(Students) need to know how to handle themselves," she said.

Those who attend, will receive important information and learn techniques of self-defense, Hagglund said.

The program is presented by Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Service, and they will provide demonstrations of the techniques as well, Hagglund said.



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Women blaze the Appalachians

Slide show to feature 10 hiker's mountain journey

By Tony Serpe
Staff writer

A slide show featuring 10 women's journey through the Appalachian Mountains will be shown at 7 p.m. today in the Shelbyville Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The slide show titled "The Hiker's Babes Do Georgia" features pictures from a 2,160 mile hiking trip through the Georgia section of the Appalachian Mountains.

"The 10 women in this group refer to themselves as 'middle-aged' and

are proud to have finished this long journey," said Melanie Mills, one of the hikers.

Those giving the presentation hope to increase awareness of the strength of women, who are not often taken seriously in this kind of physical activity, Mills said.

"People who should attend are those interested in the Appalachian Mountain area or hiking," Mills said.

The women also hope to write a hiking book for women since most of the books today are only geared toward men, she said.

The presentation is free and is part

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A member of the Appalachian hiking team

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of Women's History and Awareness Month.

Spring celebration to offer diverse music, art, culture

Festival to be held on campus from April 28 to 30

By Eric Wolters
Staff writer

Food vendors offering a unique variety of ethnic and standard fair cuisine are wanted for Eastern's Celebration: Festival of the Arts 2000.

Festival organizers are looking to endorse a wide variety of quality foods by giving each unique vendor an exclusive site at the festival.

There is a limit of 16 sites available to food vendors and applications must be submitted by March 16, said Dan Crews, festival director.

The celebration will be held April 28 to 30, and will include live music, theatre productions, fine arts booths, children's activities, demonstrations and crafts.

"This is a good opportunity for organizations on campus to raise money and have a good time," said Dan Crews, festival director.

"This is a celebration of the return of spring and is intended to expose people to different music, art and culture."

This will be the 23rd year the festival has been held on Eastern's campus, and it usually attracts 10,000 or more people, Crews said.

To request a Foods Concession Application and a Temporary Food Permit contact Dan Crews at 581-2113 or Patty Butler at 581-6064 or write to Celebration Concessions Committee, Patricia Butler, Eastern Illinois University, 600 Lincoln Ave., Charleston, IL 61920.

Woman to share Kosovo experience

By Jeff Drake
Staff writer

A Champaign woman who spent five months in war-torn Kosovo will relay her experiences of sadness and destruction at a lecture tonight.

Dana Finney, public affairs officer for the U.S. Army Construction Engineering Research Laboratory in Champaign, will tell of her experiences in Kosovo through lecture and photographs at 6 p.m. at Phipps Auditorium located in the Physical Science Building.

Finney began her assignment at a miniature boot camp in Fort Benning, Ga. This boot camp included classes on land mine awareness and sniper evasion techniques. From there, she resided in an eight-person tent at Camp Bondsteel, a U.S. military base

in Kosovo. While in Kosovo, Finney helped construct temporary buildings to shelter peacekeeping forces during the winter months, said Marta Ladd, associate professor of journalism.

The sadness and destruction of Kosovo prompted Finney and other engineers to offer their assistance to the citizens of Southeast Kosovo, a press release said.

They repaired a Kosovar school and organized a collection of toys for the children. Still, the destruction of the war has done irreparable damage to much of Kosovo, Ladd said.

By attending this lecture, students will hear a first-hand account of the occurrences in Kosovo, Ladd said.

The lecture is free and is being sponsored by the Public Relations Student Society of America and the journalism department.

Students sail for safety

By Michelle Jones
Activities editor

A boating course, offered this spring for students and community members, is aimed at making people become better, safer boaters.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering a Boating Safety and Seamanship Course from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Coleman Hall Room 109. The course will start Tuesday and run through April 20.

The course will cover topics including: registration, construction, types of boats, boat handling,

safety and legal requirements, navigational rules, equipment, weather, lines, knots, engines and trailering, a press release said.

Participants may qualify for a lower insurance rate for completing the course. Those involved in the educational program also will receive an award from the USCG Auxiliary, the press release said.

The course is being offered as part of the coast guard's public education service to the community. The only cost involved in the course is a textbook and workbook, which can be purchased at the first class.

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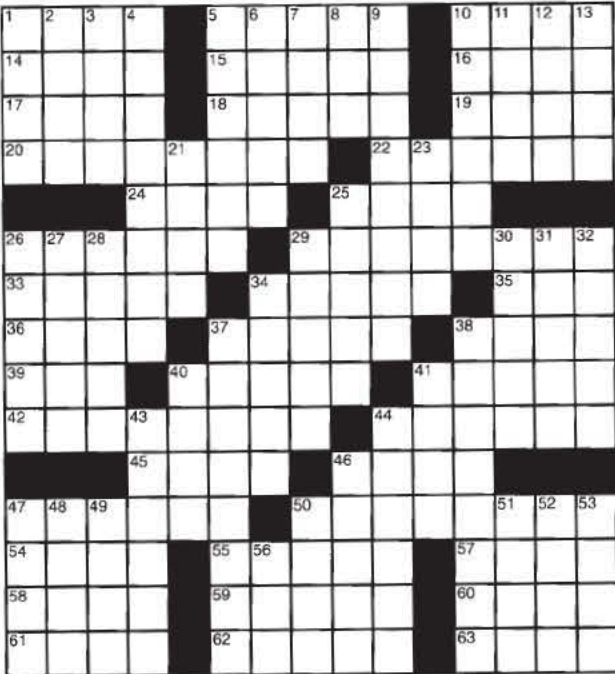
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Spezia makes the most of his last chance

Hurdler qualifies for NCAA's at 'Last Chance Meet'

By Jeffrey Price
Staff writer

The men's track and field teams did not have the luck of the the little leprechaun on their side as they traveled to Notre Dame this weekend for provisional and national qualifying times in the "Last Chance" meet.

The men's team sent five athletes to qualify for a provisional meet, but only one was fortunate enough to qualify.

Gabe Spezia, who also traveled to Gainesville, Fla. Thursday, was the

only one who qualified for a national or provisional time this weekend, finishing 7.78 in the 60-meter hurdles.

"The Last Chance meet is a lot more laid back and not as exciting as regular meets," Spezia said. "You have to get yourself pumped up to run fast in this event."

Spezia, who didn't fair so well at the meet in Gainesville, made up for it by qualifying at Notre Dame.

Jason Bialka tried for a provisional time this weekend in the 3000-meters, but it was to no avail. Bialka finished with a time of 8:25 seconds, five seconds behind the first place finisher.

"I was just glad to have the indoor season over with," Bialka said.

"We all were counting on running fast early in the season for a provisional qualifying time, but going into

the outdoor season I will try for a provisional time early in the season."

Bialka also said no runner competing in the 3000-meters finished good enough for a provisional or national qualifying time.

Justin Young and Mike White were both looking to hit lucky seven by jumping seven feet in the high jump competition, but it was a no-go.

"I'm not trying to make any excuses, but the astroturf was really weird - the marks were all off," Young said.

"No one competing in the high jump competition cleared seven feet. The highest jump was 6'10.75."

During spring break the track team will travel to Florida State to train and compete for competition March 17-18 at the Florida State relay.



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Panther runner Gabe Spezia soars over a hurdle in the Panthers Jan. 18 meet. Spezia was the only Panther to qualify for the NCAA's this weekend.

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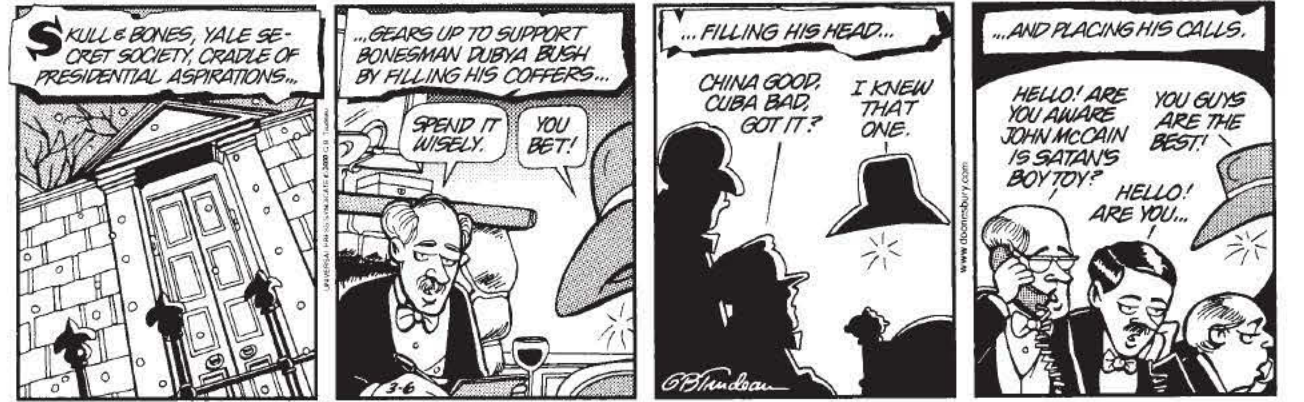
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Panthers come up short in the battle of the boards

Inability to hit the glass contributes to Eastern loss

By Bill Ruthhart
Associate sports editor

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Despite a hard-fought effort on both ends of the floor Saturday, Eastern's men's basketball team's lack of presence on the glass is what shattered its hopes of reaching the Ohio Valley Conference tournament championship game for the first time in school history.

The Panthers inability to crash the boards and bring down crucial rebounds made the difference in Eastern's 89-70 loss to the Murray State Racers Saturday evening at the Gaylord Entertainment Center in Nashville, Tenn.

The Panthers were trampled by the Racers in the rebounding category, getting out-boarded 44-28 in the contest.

"We weren't physical enough," Panther head coach Rick Samuels said following his team's final game of the season. "At halftime, they had 11 offensive rebounds and we emphasized trying to keep them off the boards in the second half."

While the Racers' 11 offensive boards almost exceeded Eastern's 14 total rebounds in the first period, the Panthers still managed to only be down by three points at the half, 41-38.

"Offensive rebounds are what won it for them in the first half,"

junior guard Kyle Hill said. "They almost had more offensive rebounds in the first half then we had total rebounds."

In the second half, it was more of the same as Murray State would pull away to an 11-point lead just mid-way through the second half. Eastern got out-rebounded 25-14 in the second half.

"They got a lot of extra rebounds and putbacks on offense and that's a big part of the game," Hill said. "And that's what killed us. It all came down to them getting offensive rebounds."

Not only did the lack of defensive boards give MSU second, third and fourth opportunities each trip down the floor, but the Panthers' inability to gather their own offensive boards helped contribute to a stagnant second-half offense which scored only 32 points to Murray's 48 in the period.

"Our shots weren't falling and we weren't getting the rebounds, so we were one shot and out every time," Hill, said of the poor rebounding. "We took a lot of jump shots and didn't get a lot of second-chance rebounds."

Center John Smith led the way for the Panthers on the glass, finishing with eight boards in 28 minutes on the floor. But from there it was downhill for Eastern. Forward Marc Polite managed to grab five boards

while Hill had four rebounds. Sophomore forward Todd Bergmann finished the game with just one rebound in his 29 minutes on the floor.

"The key to the game was in the paint and on the glass," Murray State head coach Tevester Anderson said. "We really rebounded very well and we had a lot of second chance baskets."

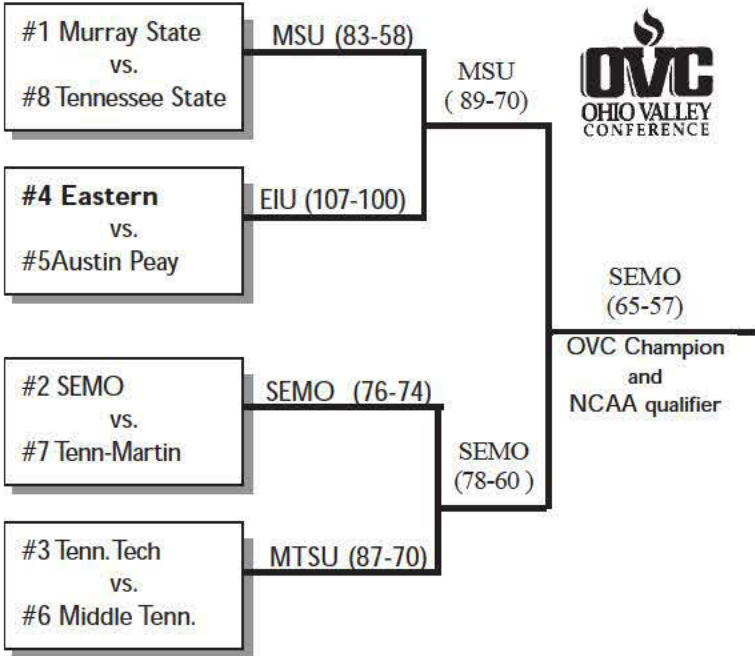
Leading the way for Anderson's Racers was Isaac Spencer, who finished the game with a game-high 11 rebounds. Eastern did not even come close to containing the focal point of Murray's offense all night as Spencer finished with a game-high 23 points, a game-high total of two blocks and a team-high three assists.

"I just felt like I had an advantage," Spencer said. "I was quicker than (Eastern's) big guy and quicker than their other guy. I just went out there and played with a lot of heart and intensity and I know when I got the ball down low they weren't going to stop me from scoring."

Spencer was the only one cleaning the glass all night long for Murray State, as four other Racers pulled down five or more rebounds in the game. Sophomore guard Chris Shumate had seven rebounds alone in just 12 minutes of playing time. Forward Ray Cunningham also had seven rebounds while point

2000 Ohio Valley Conference Men's Basketball Tournament

Feb. 29 (quarterfinal games played at higher seed) March 4 Semifinals and final played at Gaylord Entertainment Center in Nashville March 5



* First round games are hosted by the team with the higher seed. Semifinal and final games are played at the Gaylord Entertainment Center in Nashville.

Trampled

from Page 12A

The forward scored a career-high 19 points against the Panthers in Murray Ky. Earlier this year, he had 18 points and five rebounds for the Racers Saturday.

Turner's 18 points were exactly what the Racers need to combat the double teams the Panthers were throwing at Reese and Spencer.

"I give a lot of credit to Isaac and Aubrey," Turner said.

"Every shot I made was a result of one of

those two guys finding me open after they had been double teamed," he said.

"But I'm not so much happy with the points — it's the way that those guys looked for me once they got double teamed. That shows a lot of confidence in me, and that's good to see," Turner said.

With Turner hitting 5-of-9 from the floor, including 3-of-5 from behind the arc, it was almost as if Murray State didn't even need Reese and Spencer to have as good a game as they did.

With Spencer scoring 23 points and grabbing 11 rebounds, he dominated the game from the forward position. The junior also had three assists and two blocks on the

day.

"I just play with a lot of heart out there, and plus I'm so confident in my ability as a scorer that I think I can score every time I touch the ball," Spencer said.

"I knew that once they put the bigger guy on me I could drive around and score that way. And I also knew that once they put the shorter guy in there I could just back him down in the post and score that way."

Although the Panthers were said to be one of, if not the best offensive teams in the conference, they didn't show it on Saturday.

Eastern shot just 45 percent from the floor and had hardly any second chance points.

Hill led all Eastern players with 20 points while grabbing four rebounds and dishing four assists. Polite ended his career at Eastern with a solid game of 12 points and five rebounds.

Their efforts were not enough as the Racers proved that to win in the post season you need a complete team effort, which is something the Panthers were not able to accomplish.

"They are a tough team to match up against," Eastern head coach Rick Samuels said.

"They gave us a lot of problems defensively and they proved to us tonight why they are the No. 1 seed in the conference."

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Eastern tennis teams see mixed weekend results

By Kristin Rojek
Associate sports editor

The men's and women's tennis teams came back from their weekend with opposite results, with the men posting a 7-2 win in Springfield while the women suffered two 9-0 losses to DePaul and Northern Arizona.

The men came through with five successful wins in the singles play while winning two of three doubles matches.

"We needed this win," head coach Michael Hunt said. "We've asked our players to step it up a level this year and play tougher competition, but the results so far have been taken a lot of losses, and that starts to affect the conference play after while."

No. 1 singles player Lukasz Pluta won 6-2 and 7-6 after coming back into his first match after an injury.

"We had a stronger team," Hunt said. "We had played without

Lukasz, but we had him back and his coming back was a big factor in the win. Not only is he a good player, but he has a lot of morale."

The doubles play also helped boost the Panthers' 7-2 victory in the meet.

Although the team had two players out of the meet, readjustments in the line-up didn't seem to alter any negative results.

Kyle White and Sadler won at the No. 1 doubles spot with a 9-7 victory while the No. 3 doubles also came away with a win as well.

"Matt and Kyle played at the No. 1 doubles and responded nice to the win," Hunt said. "They have been playing well all semester and it's nice for them to break into the win column."

The women were not as fortunate as the men, coming up empty in both meets against DePaul and Northern Arizona.

"We just played two really good teams," Hunt said. "Northern Arizona was nationally ranked last year and was in the NCAA tournament and DePaul is the best team we've seen all year. They're a shoe-in to make the tournament."

The women are currently 3-9 in their overall season, but Hunt is focusing on maintaining the team's spirits.

"We talk about it in practice all the time," Hunt said. "We're laying the groundwork for future teams and all the humps we take will be worth it down the road. We met with a sports psychologist, Dr. Bill Russell, and we are refocusing our frame of mind."

"We're learning we can compete and hang in with extremely tough teams," Hunt said.

"We're not ready to beat those teams yet, but you need to walk before you can run and we can definitely walk."

Arkansas State sweeps series with baseball team

By Kyle Bauer
Sports editor

The Panther baseball team had a rough go of it again this weekend as it came away winless from a three-game set with Arkansas State.

"Overall, we didn't pitch well and did not swing the bat well," head coach Jim Schmitz said. "Overall we didn't play well. We didn't pitch well and we didn't hit well."

The Panthers ended the weekend with a 14-5 loss Sunday. Pete Martin got the loss, going two innings and giving up five hits.

Eastern's offense exploded for 14 hits, led by a 3-for-5 performance by David Mikes, but three errors hurt the Panthers' cause.

In the second game of a Saturday doubleheader, Eastern tied the game in the top of the seventh, but an error allowed Arkansas State to score the winning run and take a 4-3 victory.

John Larson took the loss for the Panthers in the first game Saturday despite going the distance. Larson gave up 10 hits and struck out eight.

"It was a rough weekend for us," Schmitz said. "Things are not going well for us now."

SE Missouri ends Murray State's domination over rest of OVC

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Southeast Missouri State used some impressive defense to get to its first NCAA tournament.

Mike Branson scored 21 points Sunday to lead the Indians to a 67-56 victory in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament championship game, ending three-time defending champion Murray State's title run.

"To be part of the first Southeast Missouri team that goes (to the NCAA tournament) means a lot to me. It's something like a payoff for five years of hard work," said Roderick Johnson, the tournament MVP.

Johnson finished with 14 points and eight rebounds and was a major part of a defense that held OVC player of the year Aubrey Reese to three points on 1-for-18 shooting.

It was Reese who hit a buzzer-beating shot to give the Racers a 62-61 win over the Indians in last year's championship game.

"That's the worst game I've ever played," Reese said. "These are the types of games you have in your nightmares."

Southeast Missouri took control of the game with defense, holding the Racers to six points over the final 8:30.

Michael Stokes gave the Indians (24-6) the lead for good, breaking a 50-50 tie with a jumper with 8:02 left to play.

Murray State (23-9) closed within 54-52 on a basket by Aaron Page but would add only one more basket and two free throws the rest of the way.

A 3-pointer by Branson upped the Southeast Missouri lead to 57-52 with 4:01 remaining. That was the Indians' last field goal, but they converted 10 of 12 free throws in the final minute to seal their NCAA bid.

Isaac Spender topped Murray State with 25 points and nine rebounds. Antonio Short had 13 points for Southeast Missouri, while Stokes added 10.

Scoreboard

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Today
No events scheduled

Tuesday
7:30 p.m. — IHSA boys' Class A Super-Sectional Game, Lantz Gym

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Atlantic Division			
	W	L	GB
Miami	37	21	—
New York	35	22	1.0
Philadelphia	33	31	4.0
Orlando	27	31	10.0
Boston	24	35	13.0
New Jersey	23	35	14.0
Washington	18	41	19.0
Central Division			
	W	L	GB
Indiana	39	19	—
Toronto	32	25	6.0
Charlotte	31	27	8.0
Detroit	28	30	11.0
Milwaukee	28	31	11.0
Cleveland	24	34	15.0
Atlanta	23	34	15.0
Chicago	12	45	26.0
WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Midwest Division			
	W	L	GB
Utah	37	20	—
San Antonio	37	22	1.0
Minnesota	34	24	3.0
Denver	26	31	11.0
Dallas	24	34	13.0
Houston	24	35	14.0

Vancouver	18	40	19.0
Pacific Division			
L.A. Lakers	48	11	—
Portland	46	12	1.0
Phoenix	37	21	10.0
Seattle	36	23	12.0
Sacramento	33	24	14.0
Golden State	16	41	31.0
L.A. Clippers	12	47	36.0

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Orlando at Washington, 6 p.m.			
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Toronto at Portland, 7 p.m.			
New Jersey at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.			
Miami at Phoenix, 8 p.m.			
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Dallas at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.			
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Atlanta at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.			
Cleveland at Utah, 8 p.m.			
Dallas at Seattle, 9 p.m.			
Charlotte at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.			

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Northeast Division			
	W	L	GP
Toronto	35	23	65
Ottawa	32	22	65
Montreal	27	31	65
Buffalo	26	30	66
Boston	19	29	65
Atlantic Division			
New Jersey	38	21	66

Philadelphia	34	19	64
Pittsburgh	27	30	65
NY Rangers	27	29	66
NY Islanders	18	39	65
Southeast Division			
Florida	35	26	66
Washington	33	21	65
Carolina	28	29	66
Tampa Bay	15	42	64
Atlanta	12	46	64

WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Central Division			
	W	L	GP
St. Louis	42	16	65
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Calgary	28	30	65
Vancouver	23	30	65
Pacific Division			
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Los Angeles	31	26	65
San Jose	27	32	67
Anaheim	27	29	66
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Men's Basketball

OVC Standings

Regular Season Final Standings		OVC Overall	
Southeast Missouri	14-4	21-6	
Murray State	14-4	21-8	
Austin Peay	11-7	18-9	
Eastern Illinois	11-7	16-11	
Tennessee Tech	11-7	16-11	
Middle Tennessee	10-8	14-12	
Tennessee-Martin	7-11	10-18	
Tennessee State	6-12	7-21	
Morehead State	4-14	9-18	
Eastern Kentucky	2-16	6-21	
Round 2 Playoff Results			
Saturday			
Murray State 89, Eastern 70			
SE Missouri 78, Middle Tenn 60			
Conference Championship Results			
Sunday			
SE Missouri 67, Murray 56			

Murray 89, Eastern 70	
EASTERN ILL.	38 32 70
MURRAY ST	41 48 89

FINAL HIGH SCORERS:	
EASTERN ILL. - Kyle Hill 20, Marc Polite 12, Henry Domercant 11	
MURRAY ST - Isaac Spencer 23, Aubrey Reese 19, Mike Turner 18	

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MURRAY ST - Isaac Spencer 11,	

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Women's Basketball

OVC Standings

Regular Season Final Standings		OVC Overall	
Tennessee Tech	16-2	21-8	
Middle Tennessee	13-5	17-10	
Murray State	11-7	13-14	
Tennessee-Martin	11-7	12-15	
Eastern Kentucky	10-8	13-14	
Austin Peay	9-9	13-14	
Southeast Missouri	7-11	11-16	
Eastern Illinois	6-12	8-18	
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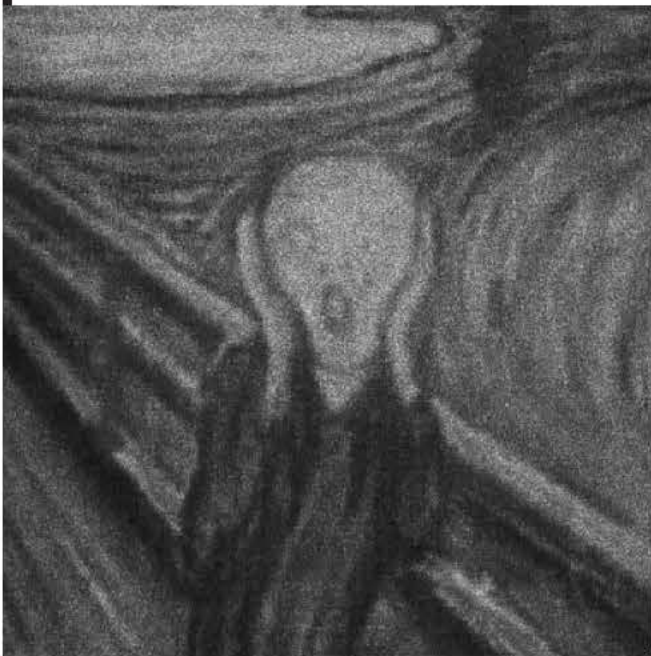
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ESPN even went as far as to televise the Ohio Valley Conference tournament championship game.

I'm sure the network let out a big sigh of relief when it found out Eastern lost to Murray State. The Racers are the only team in the league with any kind of name recognition.

The Gaylord Entertainment Center in Nashville was virtually empty for the championship game as it was.

Could you imagine if Eastern was playing? The Panthers can't always get the dozens and dozens of faithful fans to walk across campus to watch a game, let alone travel to Nashville.

Ongoing panes

The trial for Dion Rayford, the former Kansas football player accused of damaging a drive-through window of Taco Bell, has been pushed back until April.

Rayford allegedly tried to crawl through a window because he thought the servers neglected to include a chalupa in his order. The 6-foot-3-inch, 260-pound defensive end apparently got stuck in the window and had to be pulled out by police officers.

Rayford was supposed to stand trial Monday, but the date has been pushed back so Rayford could have a window frame removed from his waist.

The good ol' days

Toni Kukoc made his first return to Chicago since being traded in February. Kukoc scored 11 points and added five assists and five rebounds en route to a win over his former teammates.

The crowd was mixed in Kukoc's return. Some fans cheered him while others booed him.

The rest of the fans were just happy to see someone who reminds them of the glory days other than Will Purdue.

True desperation

Much to the delight of many Bulls fans, John Starks has decided he will not play until a grievance arbitrator makes a ruling on his request to be traded to a playoff contender.

In true New York Knicks fashion, Starks has sat out the past three games with tendinitis and will continue to sit out until a decision is made.

Starks has offered to give up the rest of his salary for the 2000 season to sign with a contender.

Angry Bulls fans have offered to pay his 2000 salary if he agrees to never put a Bulls uniform on again.

Racers trample Eastern



Sara Figiel / Associate photo editor

Panther guard Matt Britton looks on from the bench as Murray State pulls away from Eastern in the Ohio Valley Conference semifinal matchup Saturday. Murray State defeated the Panthers, but lost to Southeast Missouri State in the finals Sunday.

Murray State outlasts men's basketball team in OVC semis

By Anthony Braviere
Staff writer

Despite being down only three points to start the second half, Eastern's men's basketball team was unable to stay close with Murray State as it lost 89-70 Saturday afternoon.

"We just went out there and didn't give it our all as a team," guard Kyle Hill said.

"Murray State is a good team, but we definitely didn't play our best game."

The Panthers did lead by as many as seven points at one point in the first half, hitting three three-pointers in the first seven minutes — one each by Hill, to open the scoring, forward Marc Polite and Matt Britton.

After Eastern's seven-point lead, Murray State caught fire, cutting the lead to four on an Aaron Page three-pointer. They then took the lead after two Aubrey Reese free throws and two consecutive inside baskets from forward Isaac Spencer.

One reason for Eastern's dismal

end to the first half was its inability to get anything done on the glass. The Panthers were out rebounded 19-14 in the first half and 44-28 in the game.

In the first half alone, the Racers had 11 offensive rebounds, which led to 32 second-chance points for Murray State.

Because of the Panther offensive rebounding woes, their lead was gone by half time, as they trailed Murray State 41-38 heading into the break.

The Racers came out of the locker room for the second half, fired up and ready to go, and once again proved why they have been the best the OVC has to offer over the past couple of years.

The Panthers knew coming in to the game they would have to keep an eye on Reese and Spencer, but they never thought the difference maker in the game would be senior Mike Turner.

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Murray State's domination on the boards leads to win.

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Sara Figiel / Associate photo editor

Panther senior Todd Bergmann dribbles through a pair of Murray State defenders in Saturday night's loss.

Three Panther wrestlers qualify for nationals

Eastern will send trio of seniors to St. Louis for NCAAs

By Kyle Bauer
Sports editor

In last year's regional wrestling competition, Panthers Kelly Revells and Jason Lawrence wrestled tough, but were denied a trip to national competition.

This year, that is all different. The pair of seniors qualified for the national tournament behind

strong performances at the NCAA Qualifying Tournament this weekend.

The pair will also be joined in the national competition by senior heavyweight Mike Russow.

"The tournament was a lot tougher in comparison to the last couple of years," head coach Ralph McCausland said.

"But you need to be prepared

mentally and physically. It is a one shot deal in a qualifying tournament. Overall, the guys wrestled well."

Revells had the toughest road to nationals, winning a bracket that featured five returning national qualifiers and one junior college All-American.

"It was one of the toughest brackets, but he wrestled with

great poise and capitalized on every opportunity that presented itself."

Lawrence took second in his bracket, losing only to the nation's top competitor at the 149 pound weight class.

"He came through a tough weight bracket and wrestled tough in the finals," McCausland said.

Russow was nationally ranked all year and will be the only Panther making a return trip to the NCAA national competition.

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New Miss Black EIU wants to be role model

By Kimberly Hermon
News editor

Rashida Garrett, a junior elementary education major from Bellwood, IL, was crowned Miss Black EIU this year.

Garrett's dedication, hard work and record setting ad sales of over \$4,000 paid off as she earned her crown as queen.

Being Miss Black EIU carries great responsibility in addition to coordinating next years pageant. Garrett will also run for Homecoming court for BSU and will work on programs promoting diversity on campus.

"I will be a positive role model and stand out from the average student. I want to do more than what is required of me," Garrett said.

One of Garrett's goals as Miss Black EIU is to encourage black women to communicate positively on campus.

"I hear people making negative comments about other people," Garrett said. "I want those negative comments to turn into compliments."

In the creative expression category in the pageant Garrett said her strongest message was about the effects of alcohol on people.

"It will sneak up on you and you may lose yourself," Garrett stated

Garrett said she is no stranger to the negative effects of alcohol by having loved ones who have struggled with alcoholism.

Garrett attributed her original presentation in the African Garment category to her mother.

"I wanted something different, something with a more feminine look," Garrett said. "My mother came up with the idea of being an African Queen."

To top off her performances, Garrett danced ballet in the talent category of the pageant to Stevie Wonder's "Ribbon in the Sky".

"I love ballet and wanted to do something different," Garrett said. "I've been dancing since I was three off and on. My skills were a little rusty, but it worked out."

"I am very happy to have participated in this year's pageant," Garrett added. "It feels wonderful to be Miss Black EIU. I love the encouraging compliments from students and I had fun."

I've gained wonderful, life-long friends [contestants]. We've cried together and sometimes fought, but have gained good friends," Garrett added.

In addition to being crowned Miss Black EIU 2000, Garrett received special awards for, Miss Ebony, Miss Congeniality, Miss Enterprise in addition to numerous generous prizes for her hard work and dedication.

Garrett also has advice for ladies interested in participating in future pageants.

"It takes a lot of hard work and commitment, but I'm sure it will work out in the end."



photo by Mandy Marshall/Photo editor

Rashida Garrett, a junior elementary education major, practices before the Miss Black EIU contest which she won. Garrett said she wants to be a positive role model.

Welcome to Minority Today

A note from Editor-in-chief Rob Valentin

Welcome to *Minority Today*.

Minority Today is not a new student publication. Our last issue hit the streets sometime last school year so we have lots of information to catch up on.

Our goal is to be a newspaper that is not just for minorities but for people of every race and religion.

The few people that currently make up the *Minority Today* staff, have lots of ideas for different sections and stories, but we're lacking people to write them.

Anybody who is interested in writing for *Minority Today* please call Rob Valentin at 581-3492.

Right now we need people to do profiles on teachers, athletes and international students. We are also going to have an editorial section where anybody can state their views on any issue they feel is important.

There are also opportunities to write movie and music reviews as well as writing a how-to on one of your favorite ethnic food dishes in our cooking section.

Currently, we are planning on publishing *Minority Today* every other week but we need as much help as possible, so please call.

Leshoure came a long way in becoming student body leader

By Ron White
Features editor

To be or not to be, was an absurd dichotomy to Mike Leshoure last April, when he chose to run for Student Vice President for Public Affairs.

Saying students need more representation in student government, the 22-year-old senior acted on instinct, deciding to give politics the "old college try." His strategy paid off, as Leshoure won the April election.

"I think we've got a lot of potential here," Leshoure said last September, as he took the helm of the new position.

The problem with past student government administrations was that it seemed like "student senate was isolated just to themselves," Leshoure said, citing his reason for getting involved.

"I thought student senate was isolated just to themselves," Leshoure said. "True enough, a lot of work they do is beyond the students, so the students don't really get to see the tangible things they do."

"Not disrespecting the student government and how it was ran before, but I felt that, personally, as a student, I didn't have anybody I could reach. I couldn't call anybody because I didn't know anybody," Leshoure said. "I was just tired of sitting there and feeling like I had no say so."

Leshoure said he made interaction with students a priority in his campaign strategy.

"Every student I saw, I said you don't have to vote for me, but vote for someone, just go out and vote," Leshoure said of his campaign experience.

This is not the first time Leshoure has taken matters into his own hands. In high school, he worked with Operation Snowball, a group that helps students overcome peer pressure, and the Boys and Girls Club, a civic organization that works with youth to create a positive influence in their lives.

"There's just something about showing somebody how to do something," Leshoure said. "What I want to show students is that it doesn't matter where you come from or what you used to do. This is an opportunity. That's what this institution is for."

Leshoure said he has made a lot of changes since high school that have influenced his life. Among the positive influences, he cites a work study program where he was

involved with at the Newman Catholic Center.

"They exposed me to a whole new world. I used to just walk around campus feeling like a bum," Leshoure said.

Now Leshoure spends his time bumming around in the Student Body President's office, a position he moved into when the former president, Keith Cosentino, resigned last fall.

"The more you get involved, the more pride you've got about yourself and about the institution that you're at. And if you don't feel good about yourself, who's going to care?" Leshoure said, explaining the motivation that helps him focus on staying involved.

While he admits his involvement in extracurricular activities may help add to his resume, he says he would make the same effort regardless of whether future employers know of his activism.

But the political world is somewhat new to Leshoure. Unlike many past student government administrators, Leshoure had not been a student senate member prior to his election to office.

"I think a lot more people would have confidence in me if I were in it before," Leshoure said last September of his inexperience with student government.

"All I can say is that I try. If somebody knocks me for that, so be it," Leshoure said.

The fact that he is now an intricate part of student senate has awed some of Leshoure's acquaintances.

"A lot of people from my hometown look at me now and they're like, I don't believe you're doing this stuff," Leshoure explained. "It's true. A lot has changed."

And Leshoure hopes that more will change now.

"If you're not ready for change, then it's not our fault," Leshoure said. "Change is going go slowly. But hopefully some things will start changing this year."

One area that Leshoure has marked is Eastern's education funding. As an Eastern delegate to the Illinois Board of Higher Education, Leshoure has set out to strengthen ties with state government officials to increase state funding at Eastern.

Leshoure has also worked with Eastern's Board of Trustees.

"Our board of trustees is awesome," Leshoure said. "It sort of surprised me to be honest. I thought just conversing with board members would be hard. They are cool. They're just laid back."

Voting not popular at Eastern, survey says

Rob Valentin
Editor in chief

Students at Eastern Illinois and across the country always seem to be complaining about something.

Whether it's about paying too much taxes or about the food served at Dining service is really the only question.

In a very crude survey, Minority Today polled 100 students about whether they will vote, when the election is, if they are registered and who they will vote for.

Only 18 of the students stated that they were going to vote in the upcoming primaries on March 21.

Just four of the students knew that Illinois' primary is on March 21 and the same four were the

only ones able to describe that Super Tuesday was the day that 13 states had their primaries.

A mere 29 students out of the 100 polled are currently registered to vote for the upcoming primaries.

The 18 students who said they would participate in the primary spread out their votes when asked who they planned on voting for.

Gore received four votes compared to two votes for Bradley in the Democratic primary while Bush garnered three votes to McCain's two. The remaining seven students said they were still undecided.

This very informal survey showed that maybe some of the Eastern students should think about voting before they start to complain.

Minority Today Opinion

When it comes to voting, everyone has a perspective.

Some will claim that the public vote is irrelevant because the Electoral College actually makes the decision.

Others likely cite that all politicians are crooked cronies more focused on filling pork barrel quotas and clubbing the opposition with personal attacks than actually reacting to public sentiment.

And, in some instances, these points are well received. But, as an argument against political activism, the rationale is wholly illogical.

While some complain that public opinion's impact on policy has dwindled steadfastly over the past decades, it still stands as a truth that the government is owned by the people.

Sure, maybe the system is flawed when corporate lobbyists swarm to fund raisers with fists full of dollars, eliciting smiles from incumbents ready to waffle at the drop of a dime. But even then the public turns its apathetic head.

It was a politician who said "the buck stops here." And that is exactly what needs to take place.

That is what the election boils down to. The people of this country need to finally take a stance. And reporting to the polls in swarms is going to make a strong statement, regardless of which ballot boxes get approval.

While turning up in an election line is no more noble than showing gratitude only at Thanksgiving, it is an inroad to the social responsibility that government activism is.

If this is not enough to persuade

the truly stubborn to vote, consider the controversy stirred up at one time by Malcolm X. His motto was simple: the ballot or the bullet.

It may sound drastic, but citizens in foreign lands often live by it on a daily basis. In fact, America's own Revolutionary War procured many of the rights that exist in this country today.

Then again, some may say that Native Americans lost a great deal of freedom at that same historic point and still have not received reparations. They may be correct too. And it's all the more reason for you to vote.

So do yourself and your country a favor, GO VOTE.

Send your thoughts about this subject, or any other subject to: Robvalentin777@hotmail.com

Santana makes a comeback with a little help from his friends

By Lee Hargrave
Staff writer

Sixties Latin rock guitar legend Carlos Santana is at it again with his Grammy Award winning Arista debut "Supernatural".

This time Santana is joined in the studio with an all-star lineup of Dave Matthews Lauryn Hill, Wyclef Jean, Everlast, Eagle Eye Cherry and Eric Clapton.

Santana's fire-filled guitar blends with Afro Cuban percussion, soul filled hip-hop and modern rock for an exciting exhibition of multi-culturalism.

After the opening "(De La) Yaleo" sets your mind at ease, Dave Matthews joins Santana for vocals on "Love of My Life." Matthews soul-filled voice and Santana's fluid guitar really set off this funky ballad.

Everlast then pulls you back into the modern rock arena with the dark "Put Your Lights On," while Rob Thomas catches your ear with that familiar tune "Smooth."

With Record of the Year under its belt "Smooth" will send you dancing.

Lauryn Hill adds a little hip-hop flavor to "Do

you like the way" with the help of Cee-Lo's honey-filled voice.

On the next song "Maria, Maria" which is produced by Wyclef Jean and Jerry Duplessis and feature The Product G&B who add vocals to Santana's Latino guitar riffs.

The set ends with Santana and Eric Clapton dueling it out with their spiritually charged guitars in the 12-minute-long "The Calling."

Out of the 13 tracks (not counting the hidden one" only Eagle Eye Cherry's vocals on "Wishing It Was" comes up short in the otherwise fired-up setting.

Even with all the chart-topping musicians, Santana still anchors "Supernatural." Santana's guitar playing is always present and commanding with the percussionists and horn players keeping the Latin touch burning.

If you haven't heard this stunning compact disc, I suggest you give the 8-Grammy Award winning "Supernatural" a listen.

"Supernatural"
Santana
Arista Records
★★★★



Banderas attempts to shoot his way to no. 1

By Rob Valentin
Editor in chief

"Assassins", rated R, was released back in 1995 and stars two of the bigger movie stars in Antonio Banderas and Sylvester Stallone.

Banderas playing Miguel Bain, and Stallone playing Robert Rath, are dueling assassins with Banderas trying to retire Stallone and take his spot as the number one hit man.

At the beginning of the movie we see flashbacks of Stallone killing an unknown man with a sniper rifle. We find out later that the "mark" was Stallone's friend and Stallone killed him to be the number one assassin.

The next scene shows Stallone retiring another fellow hit man, played by Muse Watson, the killer with a hook in the "I Know What You Did Last Summer" series.



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Antonio Banderas used a laptop to boost his movie career in the 1995 movie, "Assassins."

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The movie has some great action scenes including a Banderas vs. Stallone fight scene in a cab and a cemetery.

The viewer is also given a chance to peek into the life of an assassin. Stallone and Banderas have to watch every move they make because one slip up can cost them their lives.

Early in the movie it seems like the young Banderas is out of his league trying to take out the veteran Stallone.

Despite stealing one of Stallone's "marks", Banderas gets caught by the police after being unable to escape their grasp. Banderas, however, has a few tricks up his sleeves as he escapes police custody and takes care of pursuing police in an interesting manner.

Banderas continues to steal Stallone's assignments, not to gain the hundreds of thousands of dollars that accompany the assassinations but for the chance to eventually kill Stallone and become number one.

Enough of the movie has already been given away so this should be a good point to stop. The ending to "Assassins" is one of the more inter-

esting endings for an action movie out there.

Banderas plays a great character and some of his dialogue is absolutely hilarious. Listening to Banderas swear up a storm with his Spanish accent is a definite plus.

Part of the movie was shot in Puerto Rico in a gorgeous town with some great scenery. Much of the scenery is overlooked because the viewer is waiting for Banderas or Stallone to make a life-costing mistake.

Overall "Assassins" is recommended for one of those boring Saturday or Sunday afternoons spent in your room.

... other Miss Black EIU results

By Kimberly Hermon
News editor

LaTasha Harris



Participating in the Miss Black EIU pageant requires months of hard work, commitment and even some inspiration.

LaTasha Harris, a sophomore accounting major from Chicago won first runner up in this year's Miss Black EIU pageant.

"I was inspired by last year's pageant and wanted to show how my heritage effected me," Harris said.

Harris said her favorite part of the pageant was the Creative Expression category.

"It was a true testimony of my life," Harris said. "I know there are other men and women who have faced problems of suicide and becoming homeless."

Harris wrote the skit she performed, "What is Love".

"It originated from a poem I wrote," Harris said. "I've been

writing poems off and on depending on what comes to me and when the thought comes," Harris said.

Harris said since she was not shooting for the crown it was an even greater experience.

In regard to her relationship with the other contestants, she said it was a memorable experience.

"We prayed together, we played together," Harris said. "I gained a friend in the contestants, as well as strength."

Harris said that her strongest message in the pageant was her trust and belief in God.

"I have no problem with thanking God," Harris said. "I love God and will never stop loving God no matter what is said or done."

Sabrina Bowens



Sabrina Bowens, a sophomore computer management major from Chicago won second runner up in this year's Miss Black EIU pageant.

Bowens helped with last year's pageant, which inspired her to participate this year.

"I wanted to provide another example of what black women can do," Bowens said.

In the talent category Bowens sang "If I Could," from Regina Bell.

"It was a tribute to my mom, it made her cry," Bowens said. "That's a rare thing in my family. It made her feel special."

"I could play the piano and dance," Bowens said. "But since eighth grade I have been singing in choirs."

For the African Garment category, Bowens said she chose the outfit she did for certain reasons.

"It showed me how the speech was different from other ancestral background speeches."

For the creative expression category Bowens said she tried to

address hypocrites who say they attend church every Sunday yet after that they're the most sinful people.

As far as next years pageant is concerned Bowens already knows whether or not she would run.

"I would help out but I wouldn't run again," Bowens said. "The experience was enough. It may not be as exciting the second time."

Bowens said she felt her strongest message was displayed physically more than verbally.

"My participation in the pageant showed that African-American women can do things and produce beautiful things," Bowens said.

Considering what she gained in the experience, Bowens said it has been the new long-term friends.

"This pageant was the hardest, and I gained experience that will help me enter other pageants in the future," Bowens said. "I displayed intelligence more than beauty and set examples for African American students on campus."

Sandretta Barber



Sandretta Barber, a junior AIS major and economics minor from Bellwood, Ill was the final contestant for Miss Black EIU.

"I was inspired because it wasn't a beauty pageant," Barber said. "It was an event that covered issues and subjects that needed to be heard."

Barber's favorite event in the pageant was the creative expression category where she chose "Gossiping."

"Everyone has something to say about somebody else, creating preconceived ideas through gossip, but you should look at yourself," Barber said.

Barber said she decided to do her skit on gossiping after reviewing the works of Brenda Matthews.

"Gossiping was my strongest message because it's what people go through on a daily basis," Barber said. "I wanted to make someone's day and get my point across."

Barber said she felt she got her point across when people approached her with comments after her skit.

Participating in the pageant has it's advantages, some greater than others.

Barber said she felt her participation in the pageant contributed to African-American women on campus, and will help her personal development as well as her career.

"It enhanced my leadership skills," Barber said. "I had the opportunity to continue building a foundation and create unity."

"I have leadership roles within the community, being apart of BSU, Big Brothers Big Sisters and being a resident assistant on campus," Barber said.

Barber said that she wouldn't run in next year's pageant but enjoyed her run this year.

"It's a good experience to have participated," Barber said "The pageant this year was great."

In addition to placing a commendable third runner up for Mrs. Black EIU 2000, Barber was recognized as Miss Togetherness for demonstrating exceptional organization and timeliness.

Barber was also given a handsome cash award of \$150 for Miss Scholarship by having the highest cumulative G.P.A. of the contestants as well as other prizes for her participation.

Japanese food fair provided opportunity for variety

Daiichiro Hashiguchi
Staff writer

Most students at Eastern Illinois get sick of the food served at food service.

Those students missed out on a golden opportunity on February 25.

The Japanese food fair held in the lobby of Stevenson Hall turned out to be only a moderate success, according to Haruka Otake, president of the Japanese International Student Union.

"We didn't have as many people as we expected, but we made some profits," Otake said. "Not many people showed up because it's Friday."

Otake said fund-raising was one of the purposes of the activity.

The students who did show up were happy with the food.

"The food is good, and the rice is good," said Jose M. Samayoa, a junior business management major.

Samayoa said he came to the fair because he knows Otake, and because Japanese food is one of

his favorites.

Samayoa, who is from Guatemala, said he wants to know the difference between Asian countries.

"We want to provide cultural information for Eastern students," Otake said. "JISU is a pretty new organization, so I want people to know about JISU. This was the first attempt to have an event in public this semester," Otake added.

Otake said JISU had events for members only last semester. But this time the goal of the fair was to raise recognition for the organization.

Otake also said JISU is interested in volunteer activity, but it needs to find sponsors first.

"We haven't decided what we are going to do next," Otake said.

Otake said that Sha Lu, president of the Association of International Students, asked her if JISU wants to join them for another food fair in April.

Otake said that International Week will be celebrated in April.

Last year, Chinese, Nepalese and Japanese stu-

dents participated in the food fair.

"If members (of JISU) want to join the food fair, we will," Otake said.

Currently, JISU has about 15 members, all of whom are Japanese.

"I want more people to join the organization," Otake said. "And membership is open to students, faculty and anybody in the community."

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Point guard's homecoming benefits Eastern basketball

By Layton Cooper
Staff Writer

Portery Scott is a junior starting point guard for the Eastern Lady Panther basketball team, but this almost all people know about her.

Scott is one of four children born in the southwest suburbs of Chicago, where she attended grammar school and high school.

As early as fifth grade Scott began participating in athletics, and had dreams of being the top female athlete in whatever sport she chose as her focus.

Scott was active in volleyball, basketball and cross-country at Crete Elementary School between the ages of 10 and 11 years, but she would later limit her focus to the 100 meter hurdles in track and basketball.

As a high school freshman, Scott's skills were so much more advanced than most girls her age that she played on the girls' sophomore team. She averaged 12 points a game, and received the best defensive player of the year honors.

Because of her great offensive ability and tenacity on defense, she even played with the varsity team when the sophomore squad ended its season. Scott said that playing with the varsity was a fun experience because it helped her to develop her skills even more.

Scott's sophomore and junior seasons proved to be transitional phases that increased her maturity level. During this time period, she found herself under the direction of a new head coach.

At the end of her junior year, Scott received both the "Pride, Hustle and Desire Award" and the "Best Defense Award" from her coaches and fellow players.

However, Scott was not satisfied because despite all of her accomplishments, she received almost no exposure from the newspapers. Scott knew that she had to do something drastic.

The summer before her senior year, Scott worked day in and day out on every aspect of her game that she felt was lacking. She spent hour after hour on the court to make herself a

top-notch prospect.

"I worked hard the summer before my senior year, because I realized that I had an opportunity to get an athletic scholarship for playing basketball," Scott said.

Scott's hard work paid off, as she exploded for 25 points in the first game of her season season. She would continue her hot shooting in the next three games, averaging 20 points per contest.

Scott had hit the big time now, her name and face plastered in all of the newspapers each week. Her confidence was also starting to build with all of the recognition she was receiving. Scott received all-area, all-conference, and the second most votes for conference MVP her senior year.

Soon after Scott's new-found success, colleges began inquiring about obtaining her services. Colorado State, the University of Minnesota, and South Suburban all showed interest.

"I had to market myself for recognition, because it's harder to get attention from the media when you play ball in the suburbs as opposed to the city," Scott said.

After her first and only recruiting trip, Scott decided to attend Colorado State University, which was a long ways away from home. But it was somewhere that she always wanted to go. Scott enjoyed the scenery and the peaceful atmosphere of the state.

At Colorado State, Scott was one of three point guards so she saw limited playing time.

Scott was one of five freshmen that came in together, and her coaches gave them the nickname the "Fab Five" which put a lot of pressure on them.

Scott quickly learned that her work ethic had to improve as she made the move from high school to college. She didn't know what to expect, but as the season progressed, things improved.

But after trying to make the transition

Scott started to become home sick. The distance from home was a big factor. She was only able to see her parents for four days before having to return back to Colorado. Scott finished the season, but left Colorado State after one year.

As a result of her experience in Colorado, Scott matured a lot in terms of basketball and as a person.

After leaving Colorado, she decided to attend Cincinnati State Junior College, which was a lot closer to her home.

"I always wanted to go to the University of Cincinnati, so I figured why not go to the junior college down the street and try to get some recognition," Scott said.

Scott said that she played the best basketball of her career there. She played both the point and shooting guard positions.

For the first time Scott's parents attended one of her college games. Unfortunately, she tore her PCL and was forced to sit out the rest of the game.

After returning from the injury, Scott moved to the shooting guard position because it demanded a lot less strain on the ligament compared to the point guard position. In her new role she averaged 12 points and four assists per game.

By the end of the year, she moved back to the point guard spot, where she felt more comfortable. Scott then rose to the occasion, helping her team to the top of the conference. She was also instrumental in helping the team win the conference tournament.

The team went on to the national tournament where they finished 10th in the nation. In the tournament's three games, Portery

scored 22, her career-high, 17, and 10 points. Scouts from Grambling, Florida A&M, Dillard, Salem Tekiyo, and Eastern Illinois attended the tournament and inquired about Scott.

Scott decided to play for Coach John Klein at Eastern only to have a new coach take Klein's place before she started playing.

Eastern, however, was closer to home and Scott felt that she could have a big influence on the team.

Scott red-shirted her first year and waited for her opportunity to play for the Lady Panthers. She found herself playing for her fourth coach in four years. This new system was a little difficult for her to adjust to at first, and she found herself out of sync.

Scott also suffered two sprained thumbs during the course of the season, but, despite her set backs, she is still anxious to continue improving herself and make the team better as a whole.

Besides basketball, Portery also enjoys writing about sports. She won several awards at an early age, and participated on the newspaper staff as girls sports writer. She said that she chose to take journalism as her major in college so that, if there was no opportunity to play basketball after college, she could still remain in sports through writing.

"I just really enjoy being in any athletic atmosphere," said Scott.

Scott said that being the only African-American on the basketball team is sometimes difficult, but growing up around all types of people allows her to get along with her teammates.

Scott said it's sometimes difficult for her teammates to understand her position about issues such as music, her basketball playing style and personal issues.

"I have become more accepting of others," Scott said. "I know how to adjust to those people who may be different than me."

"I've learned to be an individual, and it has made me stronger as an African-American female because I'm constantly around others who are not like me."

Portery Scott takes a practice shot



Photo by Mandy Marshall/Photo editor
Kyle Hill helps the cause in Eastern's OVC tournament game against Austin Peay, February 29. Eastern went on to win 107 - 100.

Dreams become a reality for Kyle Hill

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Many players have dreamed of playing Division I basketball.

Eastern men's basketball star Kyle Hill has made that dream a reality and is finally sharing his secret to success.

Hill credits his achievements to many different NBA players.

"I watch a lot of highlight tapes, and take good moves from each player," Hill said.

Hill didn't begin playing basketball until seventh grade. His family then moved to Justice and he played his high school ball at Argo in Summit, a school just south of Chicago.

As a senior Hill had big plans of playing Division I basketball, but matters took a turn for the worse and Hill lost the attention from

the big time Division I schools.

"Once I fractured my foot, a lot of Division I colleges backed out," Hill said.

Big Ten Conference powerhouse Purdue was one such school that balked after the injury.

This season Hill has been happy with the performance of the Eastern men's team.

"We're doing good, even though we lost a couple of key players," Hill said. "We're young, but I have been confident in our team's chance to win the OVC tournament."

Hill hopes to eventually play professional ball, whether it be in the NBA or overseas in one of the European leagues.

If a basketball career doesn't work out, don't worry, Hill has a back up plan.

"I want to do a little advertisement," Hill stated. "That stuff seems like fun to me."